

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

RESOLUTION # 112005-04

Protection of Great Lakes Basin

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;

WHEREAS the Bands that make up LTBB historically resided in the Great Lakes region in harmony with the natural environment since well before the arrival of Europeans. The Great Lakes and all waters within the watershed of the Great Lakes Basin have provided the Tribe with food, water, and transportation since time immemorial. Preserving the environmental quality and quantity of the Great Lakes Basin for the present and future generations is absolutely essential to the Tribe;

WHEREAS LTBB possesses Treaty protected rights to hunt, fish and gather throughout the lands and waters ceded in the Treaty of 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and protection of the quality and quantity of the watershed of the Great Lakes Basin is essential to the continued existence of these rights;

WHEREAS through LTBB’s Great Lakes Protection Statute (Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999010) the Tribe has pledged to protect the Great Lakes Basin from drilling, sale or diversion;

WHEREAS the interest of companies throughout the world in extracting waters from the Great Lakes Basin for profit, as well as the interest of other regions of the United States and other nations in utilizing Great Lakes waters, poses a grave threat to this unique fresh water resource;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports efforts to amend the Michigan Constitution to prevent the diversion, disposal or sale of waters of the State, including all lakes, streams, and groundwater within the watershed of the Great Lakes Basin.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Secretary, I certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held November 20, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Mary Roberts	X			
Rita Shananaquet	X			
Alice Yellowbank	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Shirley Oldman	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima				X
Beatrice Law	X			

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson